

Bishop's Lydeard Community Library

News

The Summer Reading Challenge was again well supported this year by our local community. There were 32 children taking part, some reading more than the required 6 books each. The Parish Council have donated 3 book tokens (£20, £15 & £10) as a lucky dip for all children that completed the challenge, in addition to the medals and certificates which were awarded. Full results will be published next month.

There will be lots of new books in the library soon – keep an eye on our displays and shelves for them.

Feature – Learn a New Language

Transparent Language Online (<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries/learning-online/>) offers Somerset Libraries members the chance to learn over 110 different languages for free.

Suitable for everyone to complete, from beginners to those wanting to improve their language skills. It offers a wide range of learning tools suitable for both adults and children including child-specific courses – 'KidSpeak'.

Some key features of Transparent Language Online:

- It is completely free – no hidden costs, no subscriptions, no premium options
- It can be accessed remotely meaning you can learn from anywhere, in the library, at home or even on your smartphone
- You can learn at your own pace and keep track of your progress in your Learning Path page

Feature – Identify Similar Authors

Do you or your child ever find an author you like and want to read everything they've written in order, or you realise you've read all that is available from them? Wouldn't it be good to be able to identify the book series in order, or another author who writes similar stories?

There is a book information website called **Fantastic Fiction** which could help, membership is free. <https://www.fantasticfiction.com/> They have details of the books written by over 60,000 authors and a section called "Visitors also looked at" which could help you find a similar author.

Or you can always ask at the library, of course.

Things to do in the library

- Storytime – Mondays 11.00 - 11.30 (term-time only) – lots of stories and rhymes
- Lego club – Saturdays 10.00 - 13.00
- Printing, photocopying (small charge per sheet)
- Public computer (library members only – joining is free)
- Free wi-fi (library members only – joining is free)
- For children - a trail of pictures to track down, with a little treat for finding them all. Also colouring, Lego, Duplo and toys.

Opening hours:

- Monday 10 – 4 Wednesday 10 – 4 Friday 10 – 4 Saturday 10 – 1

Volunteering - if you are interested in volunteering at Bishop's Lydeard Community Library, please telephone Iain Hunter on 01823 433016 or email iain.hunter@btinternet.com